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1. Former Tentara Nasional Indonesia (TNI) Major Selamat Ginting and two of his ex-staff members, R. Nelah Sebahang and Capt. Koran Karo-karo, have been arrested in the Karo District of Sumatra. Ginting participated in guerrilla activities in this area during the Dutch regime and has been an active member of the Partai Nasional Indonesia (PNI).<sup>1</sup> The reason for these arrests is not known.
2. The people in Karo District are saying that anyone who can obtain Ginting's release will be rewarded with four new motor cars, paid for by collections from the Karo population. If Ginting is released the Police and Military in Karo District will rebel.<sup>2</sup>
1. Comment. In early September 1951 Ginting was at Negri Baru, 35 kms. northwest of Rantauparapat, operating his own timber and fire-wood business. At the time Ginting was said to be confining his activities to legitimate business, although still exercising considerable influence among the local Indonesian.
2. Comment. It may be that the Police and Military will resign in protest against the Government's releasing Ginting or that they will desert and join rebel forces under Ginting's leadership.

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